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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT : Comment on New York Times Article on
Enemy Infiltration

1. The attached article seems to overstate the case in its comments on the significance of enemy infiltration figures and logistic activities in the Laos Panhandle. The infiltration figures used in the Times are generally correct, but the important thing to

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* Moreover, arrivals from 1 October 1969 to mid-March 1970 are only about one-half what they were during the same period of a year ago.

2. Analysts in Washington are pretty well agreed that there is no direct correlation between the flow of supplies through the Panhandle and the enemy's offensive intentions. We feel the high level of supply movements reflects an enemy attempt to rebuild the stocks depleted during the last rainy season.

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Attachment:
NYT Article

* Point is that 10,000 to 15,000 in April is probably a "one-time" performance, not to be sustained.

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